

The non-sports activities include exhibitions, musical concerts, melas, culture programmes etc.

S. No.	Name of the Stadium	No. of Non-Sports Activities	Revenue Generated (in rupees)
1.	Jawaharal Nehru Stadium	36	57,61,250/-
2.	Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium	21	65,95,250/-
3.	National Stadium	28	8,85,652/-
4.	Talkatora Swimming Pool	7	4,70,000/-
5.	Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Rangers	-	-
		92	1,37,12,152/-

Dope Test on Athletes

2323. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no dope test is conducted on the athletes participating at national level competitions in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the reaction of Government towards the views of a former runner, published in 'Amar-Ujala' of 13th July; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir. The Dope Control Laboratory of Sports Authority of India is actively engaged in testing the sportspersons for IOC banned drugs. The Tests are conducted during the National Coaching Camps, Selection Trials and prior to the participation of the

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National terms in any international competition. Random testing is also done as and when is requested by the concerned Sports Federations. In addition, sportspersons are also tested during national level competitions and other domestic competitions on the request of the Sports Federations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The views expressed by Ex-Olympian Sri Ram Singh in the 13th July edition of 'Amar Ujala' are his own and of general nature. He has highlighted the fact that the use of drugs for enhancement of sports performance is an international phenomenon and that sports persons in developed countries have hired the services of scientists/experts to research on performance enhancing drugs which cannot be detected.

Regarding doubts raised by Shri Ram Singh about breaking of national records in quick succession, it is mentioned that sportspersons have always endeavoured to improve upon the records set by their predecessors. Sportspersons always endeavour to surpass the performances achieved in the past. It would be wrong to doubt the breaking of each record until proven otherwise and allege that improved performances are induced by drugs.

Keeping in view the allurements amongst the new breed of sportspersons who want to win at any cost, the international sports community headed by the IOC has spearheaded the fight against the use of banned drugs. The anti-doping measures have become a regular feature at each international competition. In addition, an awareness campaign has been launched to make the sportspersons

aware of the danger of using banned drugs. Indian Govt, has also initiated steps to promote awareness amongst sportspersons that use of drugs is harmful to the individual as well as the sport.

(d) The Govt, is aware of the international phenomenon of drug abuse by many sportspersons who want to improve their performance by resorting to IOC banned drugs.

In order to check the use of drugs amongst Indian sportspersons, the Dope Control Laboratory (DCL) (situated at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi) of SAI does random checking of our sportspersons. The dope tests are conducted free of cost on request by the Sports Federations which are recognised by the Government.

In addition to the above the DCL is actively involved in spreading mass awareness against the use of drugs in sports. This goal is achieved by educational tours, workshops and seminars conducted by SAI Scientists. The DCL has also published an information guide in the form of a Directory, 'Drugs in Sports' and a handbook on 'Drugs Abuse in Sports' to ensure drug free sports in India.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that all the National Sports Federations impose sanctions in case any sports persons is tested positive for any IOC banned classes of drugs as per IOC rules and regulations as applicable in such cases. The IOC Medical Commission has banned over 150 drugs belonging to certain pharmacological classes i.e. (a) Stimulants (b) Narcotics (c) Anabolic Steroids (d) Diuretics and (e) Peptide Hormones & Analogues in Sports.